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I. TREATMENT OF GONORRHEA. Paragraph 1 a (1), Circular Letter (unnumbered) Hq, USAFFE, Office of the Chief Surgeon, 7 April 1945, subject: "Venereal Disease", is amended to read as follows: "Treatment may be carried out by a unit surgeon, dispensary or hospital. Four (4) intramuscular injections of 50,000 units of penicillin are given every two (2) hours, totaling 200,000 units; this will necessitate the patient remaining in the dispensary for six (6) hours."

II. NEWLY STANDARDIZED ITEMS OF MEDICAL SUPPLY.

1. Newly standardized medical items are published in change notices to the Army Service Forces Catalog MED 3 (Medical Supply Catalog), issued at intervals and distributed by the Adjutant General's Office. The change notices will be the original source of information on Newly Standardized Items, including correct item number, nomenclature, description and unit. The receipt of such change notices will not constitute authority for requisitioning such items as stocks are not available immediately and the subsequently authorized basis of issue will depend upon the quantity made available for the theater.

2. When supplies are available in this theater, all organ-

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izations and units will be notified, such notice giving the following information:

a. Basis of issue.

b. Statement that for the purpose of requisitioning and distribution, organizations and units will no longer consider the item or items as Newly Standardized, and may initiate requisitions on stated basis of issue.

3. Prior to receipt of the above notification, all requisitions for such items will be cancelled except where it is clearly indicated that a very urgent use for item exists, constituting an actual emergency.

4. This procedure will not apply to Newly Standardized Books, which will continue to be distributed automatically as stocks become available.

III. REQUESTS FOR MEDICAL SUPPLY ITEMS. Many requests are being received by commercial firms in the United States from individuals in overseas medical units for various items of Medical Supply. This practice will be discontinued. All requests and requisitions for medical supplies, either standard or non-standard, are to be processed through prescribed military channels and by established procedures.

IV. REQUISITIONS FOR WAR DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS:

a. Paragraph 3, Circular Letter No. 24, Office of the Chief Surgeon, GHQ, AFPAC, APO 500, dated 12 July 1945, entitled "PUBLICATIONS RELATING TO THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT" is rescinded.

b. Requisitions for copies of War Department Technical Bulletins, Medical (TB MED), War Department blank forms, and other War Department publications should be addressed to Adjutant General, Publications, GHQ, AFPAC, APO 500.

c. If any bulletin can not be obtained through the Adjutant General, it is suggested that The Chief Surgeon, GHQ, AFPAC, APO 500, be so advised.

V. METYCAINE. The use of metycaine hydrochloride is to be discontinued in all Army Medical units (WD Circular 134, dated 4 May 1945). All medical units are instructed to withdraw standard item No. 1292000 metycaine hydrochloride and non-standard item, metycaine solution 20% from use and to forward their entire stocks to the nearest Medical Supply Depot. Supply Depots will discontinue the issue of this item and dispose of stocks in accordance with instructions received from higher headquarters.

VI. RESCISSION OF CIRCULAR LETTER. Circular Letter No. 25, Office of the Chief Surgeon, GHQ, AFPAC, 13 July 1945, is rescinded.

VII. AUTHORIZED SUBSTITUTIONS OF MEDICAL DEPARTMENT ITEMS.

1. Substitutions of Medical Department items are governed by an Authorized Substitution List. This list, and subsequent supplements thereto, will be used as follows:

a. Authorized substitutes will be issued automatically

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in lieu of regular items appearing on organization and unit requisitions or property issue slips, whenever stocks of the requisitioned items are not available. In no case will supply be denied without determining that an Authorized Substitute cannot be furnished.

b. Substitutions will not be made on Inter-Depot transfer requisitions.

c. Authorized Substitutes will be noted on the Stock Record Card, Form WD AGO 421, for convenience in editing for availability.

2. After action as prescribed in Section III, Circular Letter No. 28, Office of the Chief Surgeon, AFPAAC, has been completed, the following substitutions are not authorized:

a. Those items not appearing on authorized substitution list, and supplements thereto.

b. Those items not appearing as Substitute Standard items in ASF Catalog Med 3 (Medical Supply Catalog).

VIII. REPORTS ON MEDICAL CARE OF FOREIGN PERSONNEL.

1. Attention is called to paragraph 5 of Circular Letter No. 6, Office of the Chief Surgeon, Headquarters AFPAAC (USAFPE), 15 January 1945, which requires negative reports be submitted by hospitals only.

IX. QUARTERLY REPORTS FOR HISTORY OF MEDICAL ACTIVITIES.

1. Reference War Department Memorandum 40-45, subject: "Period Reports, Medical Department Activities", dated 30 March 1945, some confusion has resulted from reference therein to the submission by units and surgeons of annual historical reports to the Surgeon General as required by AR 40-1005. These latter regulations require that such reports be submitted for the calendar year or for a shorter period when so directed.

2. Pursuant to authority contained in letter, AFPAAC (USAFPE), FEMD 321, subject: "Medical Department Records", dated 2 August 1944, surgeons and medical unit commanders are requested to submit at the end of each quarter year, a Report for History of Medical Activities for the period. These should be forwarded as soon as practicable after 31 March, 30 June, 30 September, and 31 December. They should be addressed to the Surgeon General, Army Service Forces, Washington 25, D. C., through the Chief Surgeon, Headquarters, AFWESPAC, APO 707, ATTENTION: Central Medical Records.

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